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The Manitoba Law Reform Commission was established by *"The Law Reform Commission Act"* in 1970 and began functioning in 1971.

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April 2, 1984

Hon. Roland Penner, Q.C.
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Dear Mr. Attorney:

In accordance with section 5(2) of "The Law Reform Commission Act", I submit herewith the 13th Annual Report of the Manitoba Law Reform Commission for the period April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984.

Yours respectfully

Clifford H.C. Edwards, Q.C.
Chairman

INTRODUCTION

The Manitoba Law Reform Commission was established by "The Law Reform Commission Act" to which Royal Assent was accorded on July 21, 1970 and which came into force on October 1, 1970. The statute provides for the Commission to be composed of seven members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the recommendation of the minister charged with the administration of the Act. The Hon. the Attorney-General has been the designated minister from the beginning.

This past year has in many ways been a difficult one for the Commission first with regard to the loss of two of our Commissioners and secondly with regard to budgetary constraints involving a sudden cutback of 1-1/2% in the middle of our fiscal year, resulting in a freeze on our hiring of needed consultants for some major projects.

In September 1983, Mrs. Anne Riley resigned from the Commission due to her impending move from the City of Winnipeg and then in October 1983 Sister Geraldine MacNamara resigned due to ill health. It is with very deep regret that we record the death of Sister MacNamara on February 20th, 1984. Her passing was a tremendous loss, not only to the Commission but to the entire City of Winnipeg. Her community work in the northend of the city and, in particular, her founding of Rossbrook House for children in any kind of need, made her a person greatly loved and respected. Just before her resignation from the Commission she was honoured by the award of the Order of Canada presented to her by Governor General Schreyer at a special ceremony at Rossbrook House itself. Both Sister MacNamara and Mrs. Riley, as lay members of the Commission, made very real contributions to our work and have been greatly missed.

Again due to financial restraints, these two Commissioners have not been replaced and this has called for a great degree of extra work on the part of the remaining members of the Commission over the past few months.

THE COMMISSION'S MANDATE

The Manitoba Law Reform Commission is a continuing organization whose objects are set out in "The Law Reform Commission Act". The Commission's duties are to inquire into and consider any matter relating to law in Manitoba with a view to making recommendations for the improvement, modernization and reform of law, including, the removal of provisions which are outdated or inconsistent, the maintenance and improvement of the administration of justice, the review of judicial and quasi-judicial procedures under any Act and the development of new approaches to and new concepts of law in keeping with and responsive to the changing needs of society and of individual members of that society.

The Commission is also required by statute to report from time to time to the minister and to make an annual report on the activities of the Commission.

In the performance of these duties, the Commission institutes and directs research of a legal nature, including studies and research relating to the

laws and legal systems and institutions of other jurisdictions in Canada and elsewhere. The Commission may also receive and consider any proposals for the reform of the law that may be made or referred to it by any body or person, and may undertake studies as joint projects with other commissions, agencies or organizations in Canada with the approval of the minister. The minister, however, may assign priority to any project(s) referred to the Commission.

OPERATIONAL OBSERVATIONS

Meetings

During the past year the Commission held fifteen formal meetings. The minimum statutory requirement mentioned in section 7(1) is four meetings.

Completed Projects

Formal Reports

The following formal Reports were submitted to the Attorney-General:

*56 — *Medical Privilege* — dated October 4, 1983

Medical privilege refers to the right of a person who has consulted a physician to insist on withholding from the court confidential information arising out of the physician-patient relationship. The Commission examines in this Report whether any amendments should be made to "The Manitoba Evidence Act" so as to create a statutory medical privilege. To determine the desirability of a medical privilege, the Commission applies to the physician-patient relationship certain criteria which were devised by Prof. Wigmore, the American authority on evidence, to explain the attributes of those confidential communications already recognized by the law as privileged. From its examination of these criteria, the Commission concludes there is no compelling reason for the courts to recognize a privilege with respect to communications between physicians and patients generally. A different conclusion is reached in regard to communications made within the psychiatrist-patient relationship. Upon its application of the Wigmore criteria to this particular relationship, the Commission concludes that the court should recognize a discretionary privilege for communications made to psychiatrists and other professionals (such as psychologists and psychiatric nurses) who perform a counselling function similar to that of psychiatrists.

After discussing the present law, and in particular the Supreme Court of Canada decision of *Slavutych* v. *Baker* [1976] 1 S.C.R. 254, where the Court adopted the Wigmore criteria to determine whether confidential communications should be privileged, the Commission concludes that the present law is an appropriate basis for determining claims to privilege in the medical field. It should provide adequate

protection for allowing communications made within the psychiatrist-patient relationship to be privileged in suitable cases without, at the same time, conferring an unwarranted protection with respect to communications made between patients and physicians generally. The Commission accordingly recommends that "The Manitoba Evidence Act" not be amended to create a statutory medical privilege. It also recommends that s. 26.2 of "The Mental Health Act" be amended to allow the Court of Queen's Bench the discretion to order the disclosure of testimony arising from the assessment or treatment of patients of designated psychiatric facilities. This legislation presently grants an absolute privilege to this testimony so that the Court has no overriding discretion to order disclosure where the interests of justice warrant it in a given case.

#57 – The Uniform Sale of Goods Act – dated November 1, 1983

In this Report the Commission recommends the adoption of a new Sale of Goods Act to replace the existing legislation governing the sale of goods. The new Act is based upon a draft approved by the Uniform Law Conference of Canada at its 1981 Proceedings. The Commission does, however, recommend some minor changes to this Uniform Act. These are largely drawn from the recommendations of the Alberta Institute of Law Research and Reform which are set forth in its Report #38 on the Uniform Sale of Goods Act (October 1982). They are also derived from an unpublished report of a subcommittee of the Business Law Subsection of the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Bar Association. The Commission recommends that the Government of Manitoba enact the modified Uniform Act and await its proclamation until at least one other province has already proclaimed the Act or will, on or about the same time, proclaim the Act in force.

Informal Reports

No informal reports were issued during this period.

The Appendix attached to this Report shows the implementation of the Commission's recommendations through legislative enactment or other administrative action. It should be noted that during this past year's legislative session, ten of the Commission's Reports were implemented. This would appear to be one of the highest number at one session of the Legislature.

Work in Progress

1. Administrative Law – reference from the Attorney-General. As mentioned in earlier reports, this has been one of our larger projects falling into two parts, one dealing with the procedures of administrative tribunals and the other relating to judicial review of administrative decisions. We have had two of our full time research officers working

on this project this past year with student help during the summer. It is now anticipated that the final report on the whole project will be issued during the coming year.

2. "The Dower Act" – reference from the Attorney-General. This has also been one of our major projects and it is expected that the final report will be published during the coming year.

3. Periodic Payment of Damages (Structured Settlements) – reference from the Attorney-General. We were able to hire as a consultant on this project Prof. P. Carlson of the Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba. She prepared a very good and very thorough study paper for the Commission. From this it was apparent that more research still had to be done, but unfortunately due to the budgetary constraints mentioned earlier, we were unable to proceed further this year. It is hoped to continue the project during 1984.

4. Sterilization of Minors and Mentally Disabled Persons – reference from the Attorney-General. Work on this project continues to be delayed because of higher priority references from the Attorney-General.

5. Legal Representation of Children – initiated by the Commission after requests from the public and subsequently adopted by the Attorney-General. After discussions with the Attorney-General it was agreed that this project would be deferred pending completion of the two major projects on Administrative Law and "The Dower Act". It is now anticipated that work will be resumed later when resources permit upon the completion of the afore-mentioned reports. However, as we have no consultancy fees available to us in the coming year's budgetary allocation the work will have to be done by our internal research staff consonant with the demands of other references.

6. Landlord and Tenant – initiated by the Commission and subsequently adopted by the Attorney-General. A good background study paper was prepared by one of our students during this past summer. This assisted the Commission in defining more clearly the parameters of the project and it was decided to limit it to "The Landlord and Tenant Act" rather than the whole field of Landlord & Tenant law. Lack of resources has prevented us continuing further with the project this year but it is hoped that it will be possible to resume work later in 1984.

The Commission has also decided to commence work on other projects which have arisen as a result of our research and reports received from other law reform agencies, ie. "The Testators Family Maintenance Act" and "The Devolution of Estates Act"; "The Consumer Protection Act"; and Breach of Promise of Marriage.

Personnel

During this past year we are glad to report that we have had no changes in our legal research staff who continue to give excellent service to the Commission and whose research is always so thorough and helpful in our projects.

From May to August, we were again able to hire two second year law students for research. Ms. Vivian Rachlis assisted us in our project relating to landlord and tenant and Mr. Bruce Bowman provided assistance in the area of administrative law.

Miss Suzanne Pelletier continues to provide invaluable service as the Secretary of the Commission and has been particularly helpful with the transfer of so much of our work to word processing. We would also record our appreciation of the services of Mrs. M. Freeman who is always so willing to provide clerical assistance during Miss Pelletier's vacation periods.

Consultants

On account of the reduction of our budget during the year, we were only able to engage two consultants, namely Prof. P. Carlson and Prof. E.A. Braid, both of the Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba. Prof. Carlson, as mentioned above, prepared for us a study paper on the project of Periodic Payment of Damages. Prof. Braid advised the Commission with regard to its report on the Uniform Sale of Goods Act. The Commission is indebted to both of them for all the time they spent and the counsel they so willingly afforded to us. We have also had wide consultation with the Bench and Bar and various interest groups and organizations in the community on several projects. We have received great help and cooperation from all concerned and would like to place on record our appreciation of this assistance.

LIAISON WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

During the past year the Chairman, as an Executive Committee member of, and with support from the Commonwealth Legal Education Association, attended the Seventh Commonwealth Law Conference in Hong Kong which brought together some 2,000 lawyers from about 40 Commonwealth countries. In the course of the Conference, a meeting was arranged for one full day of all the Commonwealth Law Reform Agencies who had representatives at Hong Kong. This gave the Chairman an opportunity to meet Law Reform Commissioners from all parts of the Commonwealth and to discuss with them the mutual problems and challenges facing the law reform agencies in the different areas.

In August 1983, the Chairman and our Chief Legal Research Officer attended the Uniform Law Conference Annual Meeting in Quebec City. The Chairman has also co-chaired with Dr. Derek Mendes da Costa (the Chairman of the Ontario Law Reform Commission) an inter-provincial committee of the Uniform Law Conference to study the whole question of Products Liability. There have been several meetings during the year in Winnipeg and Toronto and the Committee has now forwarded its report to the Uniform Law Conference for consideration at its meeting in Calgary in August 1984. Prof. E.A. Braid of the Faculty of Law has also served on this committee as the consultant for Manitoba and we are much indebted to him for the time and advice he has so freely given.

Immediately preceding the Uniform Law Conference, the Chairman and

our Chief Legal Research Officer also attended a meeting of the Law Reform Agencies. This provided an excellent opportunity to discuss with these agencies the various projects underway across the country as well as their different modes of operation. We would place on record our appreciation to these agencies for all the assistance and cooperation we have received from them throughout the year.

In May 1983 the Chairman addressed the Kiwanis Club on the work of the Commission and later that month, he and Ms. Donna Miller, our Chief Legal Research Officer, presented papers at a seminar organized by the Law Society of Manitoba, at Hecla Island, Manitoba, on Recent Developments in the Law. Subsequently, in November, Ms. Miller presented a paper to members of the Law Society on Recent Legislative Changes. The Chairman was also invited as a participant and panellist in a Conference organized in Ottawa in December 1983 to follow up the report of Professor H.W. Arthurs on Law and Learning. Ms. Miller also presented papers to the Estate Planning Council of Winnipeg in February 1984 and to the Trust Companies Association (Manitoba Section) in March 1984 on the subject of Recent Legislative Developments in the Law of Trusts.

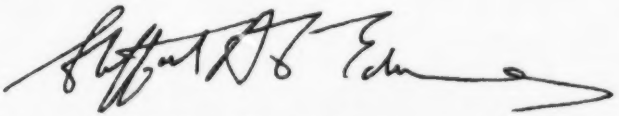
LIAISON WITH THE JUDICIARY AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION

During the past year we have continued to enjoy excellent cooperation from all sections of the judiciary as well as from the academic and practising members of the legal profession. This has been invaluable to us in all our projects. We are also grateful for the help we have received from the staff of the E.K. Williams Library at the Faculty of Law, the Provincial Archives and Legislative Library, the Law Society's Great Library and the Attorney-General's Library.

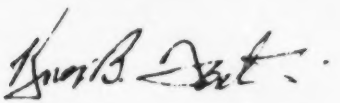
FUTURE PROGRAMME

As can be seen from this Report, the Commission has been obliged during this past year to adjust its priorities on account of financial restraints. It would appear that these restraints will be greater during the coming year when we face a reduction of approximately 12% in our budget. It will therefore be appreciated that it may be difficult for us to achieve some of the completion dates which we are setting ourselves since we adhere to the belief that whatever else may happen the quality and thoroughness of our research must not be impaired.

This is a Report pursuant to section 5(2) of "The Law Reform Commission Act", signed this 2nd day of April, 1984.



Clifford H.C. Edwards, Chairman



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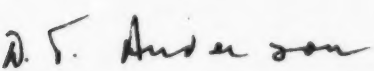

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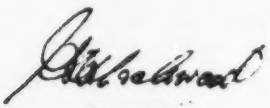

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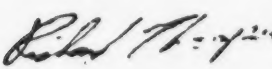

Richard Thompson, Commissioner

APPENDIX A

REPORTS OF THE MANITOBA LAW REFORM COMMISSION

	Subject	Date Submitted	Original legislation implementing the Commission's recommendations
#1	Jury Service for Registered Indians	April 7, 1971	An Act to Amend The Jury Act, S.M. 1971, cap. 32, Royal Assent July 27, 1971
#2	Summary Disposition of Builders' and Workmen's Liens	April 13, 1971	An Act to Amend The Builders and Workmen Act, S.M. 1976, cap. 22, Royal Assent June 3, 1976
#3	Disposition of Maintenance Judgments in Land Titles Offices	May 25, 1971	An Act to Amend The Judgments Act, S.M. 1972, cap. 4, Royal Assent May 9, 1972
#4	"An Act Respecting Billiard and Pool Rooms" proposed repeal	October 19, 1971	The Statute Law Amendment Act (1974), S.M. 1974, cap. 59, Royal Assent June 14, 1974 (sec. 8)
#5	Recommended Right of Mortgagors to Obtain Annual Statements	October 19, 1971	An Act to Amend The Mortgage Act, S.M. 1972, cap. 59, Royal Assent July 6, 1972
#6	Enactment of a Mineral Declaratory Act	December 20, 1971	The Sand and Gravel Act, S.M. 1972, cap. 34, Royal Assent July 6, 1972 An Act to Amend The Mines Act (sec. 11), S.M. 1972, cap. 70, Royal Assent July 20, 1972 An Act to Amend The Real Property Act (secs. 15 and 16), S.M. 1972, cap. 70, Royal Assent July 6, 1972
#7	Powers of Entry, Search and Seizure in The City of Winnipeg Act	January 24, 1972	An Act to Amend The City of Winnipeg Act (secs. 26, 37, 68, 69, 89 and in part sec. 38, 39 and 63), S.M. 1972, cap. 93, Royal Assent July 20, 1972 (secs. 8, 11, 23-26, 28-35, 38, 97 and 98) S.M. 1974, cap. 73, Royal Assent June 10, 1974
1A	Auto Engine Numbers in Sec 11 of "The Bills of Sale Act"	May 11, 1971	The Statute Law Amendment Act (sec. 3), S.M. 1972, cap. 81, Royal Assent July 20, 1972
1B	(a) Prospect of Mortgagor's Relief from Provisions of Sec. 20(6) of "The Mortgage Act"	December 29, 1971	(change not recommended

	(b) Right to have mortgage discharged upon payment in full after five years	December 19, 1971	An Act to Amend "The Real Property Act" (Sec. 103(1)), S.M. 1972, cap. 37, Royal Assent July 6, 1972
1C	Amending provisions as to costs in Part II of "The County Courts Act" to avoid inconsistency with intent of this new legislation	January 12, 1972	An Act to Amend The County Courts Act, S.M. 1972, cap. 38, Royal Assent July 6, 1972
First Annual Report		March 13, 1972	(not applicable)
*8	Section 45 of the Offences Against the Person Act, 1861	July 27, 1972	An Act to Amend The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act, S.M. 1973, cap 13, Royal Assent May 25, 1973
*9	A Review of "The Privacy Act" with proposed amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada	September 11, 1972	(change not recommended)
*10	The Abolition of Inter-spousal Immunity in Tort	December 19, 1972	An Act to Amend The Married Women's Property Act, S.M. 1973, cap. 12; An Act to Amend The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act, S.M. 1973, cap. 13; An Act to Amend The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act, S.M. 1973, cap. 23, Royal Assent May 25, 1973
2A	Comments on draft Bill to Amend "The Jury Act"	April 21, 1972	An Act to Amend The Jury Act (in part), S.M. 1972, cap. 56, Royal Assent July 11, 1972
2B	Relaxation of Limit of Number of Trustees under "The Trustee Act"	June 22, 1972	An Act to Amend The Trustee Act, S.M. 1972, cap. 60, Royal Assent July 11, 1972
2C	Uniformity of Definition of Age as between "The Age of Majority Act" (Man.) and the Criminal Code and the Interpretation Act (Can.)	August 14, 1972	(not applicable for provincial amendment)
2D	Automatic Attachment of Wages for Maintenance Orders	November 27, 1972	An Act to Amend The Garnishment Act, S.M. 1974, cap. 8, Royal Assent June 10, 1974
Second Annual Report		March 20, 1973	(not applicable)
*11	The Advisability of a Good Samaritan Law	March 8, 1973	(change not recommended)
*12	Sec. 110 of "The Real Property Act" – the immortal Manitoba mortgage	April 11, 1973	An Act to Amend The Real Property Act, S.M. 1974, cap. 44, Royal Assent June 10, 1974

*13	Pre-licensing Education for Real Estate Agents in Manitoba	December 3, 1973	An Act to Amend The Real Estate Brokers Act, S.M. 1975, cap. 23, Royal Assent June 19, 1975
*14	Special Enduring Powers of Attorney	January 8, 1974	The Powers of Attorney Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 4, Royal Assent July 9, 1980 (in part)
*15	Administration of Justice Part I — Control of Post-arrest/ pre-trial detention	February 26, 1974	Administration of the Public Safety Building in Winnipeg assumed by the Province of Manitoba, effective October 1, 1977; now called "The Winnipeg Remand Centre".
3A	Conferring of matrimonial jurisdiction upon a County Court Judge as a local Judge of The Queen's Bench within the Eastern Judicial District	March 30, 1973	An Act to Amend The Queen's Bench Act, S.M. 1978, cap. 28, Royal Assent July 20, 1978
3B	Correcting recent error in sec. 51 of "The Queen's Bench Act"	September 26, 1973	An Act to Amend The Queen's Bench Act, S.M. 1974, cap. 15, Royal Assent June 10, 1974
3C	Conferring jurisdiction to extend time for payment of fines upon provincial judges other than those who imposed such fines	October 16, 1973	—
3D	Up-dating index to Statutes of Manitoba	October 23, 1973	Indexing commenced
3E	Repeal of sec. 212 of "The Liquor Control Act"	December 19, 1973	Substantial acceptance under s. 16 of an Act to Amend The Liquor Control Act, S.M. 1974, cap. 63, Royal Assent June 14, 1974
Third Annual Report		April, 1974	(not applicable)
*16	Definition of Death	May 6, 1974	An Act to Amend The Vital Statistics Act, S.M. 1975, cap. 5, Royal Assent June 19, 1975
*17	An International Form of Wills for Manitobans	May 6, 1974	An Act to Amend The Wills Act, S.M. 1975, cap. 5, Royal Assent June 19, 1975
*18	The Rule in Saunders v. Vautier	January 8, 1975	An Act to Amend the Trustee Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 38 s. 4, Royal Assent August 18, 1983
*19	The Administration of Justice in Manitoba Part II — Review of The Jury System	February 11, 1975	An Act to Amend The Jury Act (in part), S.M. 1977, cap. 18, Royal Assent June 18, 1977

			"Trial by Jury" – pamphlet published by the Dept. of the Attorney-General
4A	Interprovincial Subpoenas	January 27, 1975	The Interprovincial Subpoena Act, S.M. 1975, cap. 3, Royal Assent June 19, 1975
4B	Enforcement of Custody Orders	January 27, 1975	The Extra-Provincial Custody Orders Enforcement Act, S.M. 1975, cap. 4, Royal Assent June 19, 1975
4C	Statutory Sums	February 11, 1975	Various amendments to Manitoba Statutes (in part)
Fourth Annual Report		April, 1975	(not applicable)
*20	Report on "The Highway Traffic Act"	June 16, 1975	An Act to Amend The Highway Traffic Act, S.M. 1977, cap. 34, Royal Assent June 18, 1977 (in part) An Act to Amend The Highway Traffic Act and The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 19, Royal Assent July 9, 1980
*21	The Administration of Justice in Manitoba Part III – Consolidation of Extra-Provincial Judgment Enforcement	January 28, 1976	–
*22	Some Aspects of Fire Insurance Legislation in Manitoba	February 9, 1976	–
*23	Family Law – Part I The Support Obligation	February 27, 1976	The Family Maintenance Act, S.M. 1978, cap. 25, Royal Assent July 20, 1978 (in part)
*24	Family Law – Part II Property Disposition	February 27, 1976	An Act to Amend The Gift Tax Act (Manitoba) and The Succession Duty Act (Manitoba), S.M. 1977, (2nd Session), cap. 2, Royal Assent December 12, 1977 The Marital Property Act, S.M. 1978, cap. 24, Royal Assent July 20, 1978 (in part) An Act to Amend various Acts relating to Marital Property, S.M. 1978, cap. 27, Royal Assent July 20, 1978 (in part) An Act to Amend The Wills Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 7, Royal Assent July 9, 1980

5A	Limitation of Actions for the taking away, conversion or detention of chattels	May 26, 1975	An Act to Amend The Fatal Accidents Act and Limitation of Actions Act, S.M. 1976, cap. 41, ss. 2, 3 and 4, Royal Assent June 11, 1976
Fifth Annual Report		March 29, 1976	(not applicable)
*25	The Case for a Provincial Bill of Rights	May 19, 1976	—
*26	Revision of Birth Certificates of Trans-sexual persons	September 13, 1976	The Vital Statistics Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, cap. 58, Royal Assent August 18, 1983
Sixth Annual Report		March 14, 1977	(not applicable)
7A	The Local Authorities Election Act	May 31, 1977	An Act to Amend The Local Authorities Election Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 48, Royal Assent July 29, 1980
Seventh Annual Report		March 1, 1978	(not applicable)
*27	Limitation of Actions: Time Extensions for Children, Disabled Persons and Others	January 8, 1979	An Act to Amend The Limitation of Actions Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 28, Royal Assent July 29, 1980
*28	Enforcement of Judgments Part I: Exemptions under The Garnishment Act	January 8, 1979	An Act to Amend The Garnishment Act, S.M. 1979, cap. 8, Royal Assent May 11, 1979
*29	Emergency Apprehension, Admissions and Rights of Patients under The Mental Health Act	February 12, 1979	An Act to Amend The Mental Health Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 62, Royal Assent July 29, 1980 (in part)
*30	Confidentiality of Adoption Records	February 12, 1979	An Act to Amend The Child Welfare Act, S.M. 1979, cap. 22, Royal Assent June 15, 1979 (Sec. 60) An Act to Amend The Child Welfare Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 41, Royal Assent July 29, 1980 Establishment of a "Post adoption registry"
8A	Sec. 5(1) of "The Social Allowances Act"	March 30, 1978	—
Eighth Annual Report		February 12, 1979	(not applicable)
*31	Political Financing and Election Expenses	August 13, 1979	The Elections Finances Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 68, Royal Assent July 29, 1980
*32	Mechanics' Liens Legislation	August 13, 1979	The Builders' Liens Act, S.M. 1980-81, cap. 7, Royal Assent May 26, 1981
*33	Enforcement of Revenue Statutes	August 13, 1979	—

*34	Enforcement of Judgments Part III: Exemptions under The Executions Act	October 22, 1979	An Act to Amend The Executions Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 55, Royal Assent July 29, 1980
*35	Estate Claims for Loss of Expectation of Life	October 22, 1979	An Act to Amend The Fatal Accidents Act and The Trustee Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 5, Royal Assent July 9, 1980
*36	Improved Methods of Enforcing Support Orders Against Real Property	November 19, 1979	The Family Law Amendment Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 54, Royal Assent July 19, 1980 (in part)
*37	System of Voter Registration	November 26, 1979	The Elections Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 67, Royal Assent July 29, 1980
*38	The One Year Rule for Enforcement of Arrears in Maintenance	January 21, 1980	An Act to Amend The Family Maintenance Act and The Queen's Bench Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 21, Royal Assent July 9, 1980
9A	The Fire Departments Arbitration Act	April 17, 1979	An Act to Amend The Fire Departments Arbitration Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 27, Royal Assent July 29, 1980
9B	Section 7 of The Payment of Wages Act	August 15, 1979	An Act to Amend The Payment of Wages Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 57, Royal Assent July 29, 1980 (in part)
9C	The Seduction Act	October 22, 1979	An Act to Abolish Certain Actions Concerning Status of Individuals, S.M. 1982, cap. 10, Royal Assent May 25, 1982
9D	Section 9 of The Manitoba Evidence Act	November 6, 1979	An Act to Amend The Manitoba Evidence Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 26, Royal Assent July 19, 1980
9E	The Wills Act and Ademption	November 20, 1979	An Act to Amend The Wills Act, S.M. 1980, cap. 7, Royal Assent July 9, 1980
9F	The term "illegitimate"	December 4, 1979	(change not recommended)
Ninth Annual Report		February 25, 1980	(not applicable)
*39	Controverted Elections	April 21, 1980	—
*40	Enforcement of Judgments under "The Judgments Act"	April 21, 1980	—
*41	The Statute of Frauds	August 11, 1980	An Act to repeal the Statute of Frauds, S.M. 1982-83-84, cap. 34, Royal Assent August 18, 1983
*42	Occupiers' Liability	August 11, 1980	The Occupiers' Liability Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, cap. 29, Royal Assent August 18, 1983

*43	The Wills Act and the Doctrine of Substantial Compliance	September 8, 1980	The Wills Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, cap. 31, Royal Assent August 18, 1983
*44	The General Register	September 22, 1980	–
*45	Simplified Mortgage	December 15, 1980	(legislative amendment not required)
10A	Municipal Assessment of Personal Property	February 26, 1980	(referred to Special Committee)
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*47	Prejudgement Compensation of Money Awards: Alternatives to Interest	January 4, 1982	–
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